

The Caledonian

St. Johnsbury, Thursday, Sept. 25, 1890

VIRGINIA MEMORIES.

Dr. Blanchard Along the Line of the

Declaration of the Caledonian:

Since my last letter I have, at the instigation of Uncle Sam, made a trip through the Midland and Piedmont regions of "Old Virginia." The trip occupied just two weeks. My business took me rapidly from town to town, often breakfasting in one town, dining in another, and lodging in a third; but nevertheless, I had time to see a great deal that I never saw before, and I will try to tell you something about what I saw.

The countries visited were Fairfax, Fauquier, Culpepper, Orange, Prince William, Albemarle and Rappahannock. Any old soldier of the Army of the Potomac can guess what I thought of most as I heard the brave men call such names as Alexandria, Warrenton, Rapidan, Rappahannock, Brandy Station, Orange, Culpepper Court House, etc. At the very start we cross Long bridge. Well, old soldier, do you remember Long bridge? Do you remember how bruised and muddy and disgusted you were when you crawled across it after the first battle of Manassas? That little, muddy bridge is Bull Run. Over there at the right is the stone bridge, where the hard fighting was done. Here is a boy selling bullets at ten cents a piece. He picked them up in the furrow following his father's plow. We cross the Rappahannock. How many brave men caught their death drinking its muddy water. West of the dead old town of Culpepper. Here we visit the national cemetery, where lie buried 1400 Union soldiers, from nearly every state in the Union. Their crumbling bones were gathered from the battlefields of Northern Virginia. A little marble slab, with a number on it, marks each grave. On some the name and state are given; but the greater part are "Unknown." I notice the name of C. A. Lyford, a private in Co. A, 10th Vt. He died Oct. 10, 1863, and was first buried at Faltse's. Was he from Peacham, I wonder.

Believe me when I tell you that I walked among those graves with my teeth set tight together. My uppermost thought was, "Curse every ranting demagogue whose bitter words shall ever stir up another war." The cemetery is beautifully kept. A fine hedge surrounds it, and trim borders of box evergreens, and flowering shrubs and vines are everywhere. How appropriate it seemed that the northern cedar was planted among the graves. My heart beat warm for old Vermont at the sight of it. This superintendent is a crippled Union soldier. He loves every bit of dust that sleeps in his care. He lives here a stranger among strangers. He cannot forget Gettysburg and the Wilderness. He cannot forgive Libby and Andersonville. No Southern foot crosses his threshold, save when, at rare intervals, some member of his wife's church makes a formal call. You can appreciate his position better when I tell you that this part of Virginia is the old dead South, not the "New" South. The people here have not caught the inspiration of work. See that farmer carrying his wheat to market. The wheat is loaded into canvas-covered wagons precisely like the one that my grandfather used to drive between Windsor and Boston in the days before the railroad. There is one difference, however. The rear of the wagon-body is tilted up nearly a foot higher than the front with the idea of thus making the wagon run more easily—what seemed ridiculous to me. It must be a nice thing to roll a barrel into. The wagon is drawn by four or six horses or mules. A big darkey sits on the "nigh" wheel, and drives. Behind, on horseback, is the owner. He is thorough "gentleman." He owns a thousand acres of land. He is polite, generous, hospitable. He can talk politics by the yard. He is "pore." Wheat was half a crop, and corn is a failure. But he lives in a nice country in the world, sir. He never hoed a hill of corn in his life, and he never will. Why should he, when he can hire a nigger for \$10 a month? It will take him three days to market that load of wheat and haul it back to his home in Madison county.

I asked a woman—an ignorant woman, to be sure—if she would like to return to old slavery times and ways. Said she, "What d'ye think? D'ye s'pose I'd rather do 'em even work, or hev some one do it for me?" Her opinion was exceptional, however. Nearly every one pronounced slavery a curse, and was glad that it had been done away with forever. Stopping at a hotel over Sunday, I asked for a daily paper. After considerable hunting, the clerk found one—the Richmond Dispatch—six weeks old. It was the only newspaper there was in the house. Yet the railroad, with trains every hour or two, ran close to the house. I challenge you to parallel that in New England.

The country roads are horrible, and bridges are few. Riding 15 miles I forded one river 14 times. That was in Rappahannock county. Much of the way the road was a mere rut filled with cobblestones, like the dry bed of a stream. Occasionally one finds a macadamized, or "metall" road. These are passable at all times of year, but are very rough, like a city pavement. The dirt roads become practically impassable in the mud season. My advice was, stop talking politics, and go to fixing your roads.

Everybody rides horseback—men, women, children and darkeys. They ride well too, as if they were grown to the horse's back. That accounts for the superiority of the confederate cavalry during the first years of the war.

Nearly every man I met had been in the confederate army. The only exception that I recall was a man who was so big a coward that you could see it written all over him. But—see you later.

F. BLANCHARD.
Washington, D. C. Sept. 15, 1890.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INITIALS.
The custom is so common of using the initials of a name only instead of the full appellation that when a name is given to a child it is of importance to consider what the initials letters will be. A young lady was not so fortunate. Her initials before she married spelt the word A. P. E. She became Mrs. Thompson, so that her initials were changed to A. P. T., which she regarded as an apt change. Another father, one Mr. Long, named his son Alfred Washington. The boy's initials thus made A. W. L., and so who could

tell but he would grow up to be a great bore? A man named Wood married a woman named Orton, who wished her two sons to take her maiden appellation. They were therefor called respectively Benjamin Orton Wood and William Orton Wood, and together their initials expressed a B. O. W. W. O. W.—Tide.

AN EVENING'S AMUSEMENT.

We were seated in the pleasant parlor of a town house, and F— with his violin, and mamma and little sister at the piano, had given us some very charming music. There was still an hour before the children's holiday bedtime should arrive, and some one proposed that it be spent in a pleasant game of word-guessing. The sweetest and dearest, obliging as usual, volunteered to go out of the room while a line of poetry was selected. The line, from a stanza of the "Ancient Mariner," was presently chosen:

"The wedding guest he beat his breast," and our friend came in, and at the beginning of the extreme of the circle, asked questions of each person in turn. She was allowed to ask any sort of question she pleased, and the person questioned, in his or her reply, was obliged to bring in deftly, and with little emphasis as possible, the word which had been assigned for each of us had taken a word in order. Thus, No. 1 had "the"; No. 2, "wedding"; No. 3, "guest"; and so on. The questioner was permitted three separate guesses as to the word on hearing the answer of each, and you would hardly believe that the familiar line went twice around the circle before it was finally discovered.

Such an evening is very much to be commended for an evening's pleasure at home. It gives an opportunity for nimble wits in constructing puzzling sentences; and those who take part in the game gather up a sheet of poetical lines which linger in the memory. Odd bits of information come to hand, and even well-read people are sometimes surprised to be told that the line they thought belonged to Moore was really written by Campbell, or that some fine sentiment which they had attributed to Shakespeare came from a long-gone classic source.

After this game, if there be nuts and apples for sociability, and a song or two from the pretty daughter or the older brother, another violin solo, or a chapter from Ben-Hur or some other good book, the evening will be voted charmingly satisfactory. For reading aloud at home, "The Capitals of Spanish America," by William Elroy Curtis, has proved delightful, eliciting the attention of everybody, and giving the pleasant experiences of travel without going away from the fireside.

In summer, when the conversation on the piazza flags, such quiet amusements as these come in very well to pass the listless mood to flight. It is worth while to plan a little for an evening's enjoyment, so that to young and old there is no place at home—[Aunt Marjorie Precept, in Harper's Young People.

METHODISM IN VERMONT.

A correspondent of Zion's Herald gave recently to that paper the results of an investigation into the condition of Methodism in Vermont. In his letter he said that "the results of my inquiries have not been as reassuring as I might wish, and have led to the fear that, unless a different course was taken, the time would not be far distant when we should hear talk about 'abandoned Methodist churches in Vermont,' as well as about 'abandoned Vermont farms.' I have had access to the minutes for the past 30 years, and hence have a reliable basis for my statements. The records show that in only one of the last three decades have we made any gain in membership. From 1870 to 1880 we made the encouraging gain of 2044 members and probationers. But the encouragement visibly diminishes when it is found that more than half of the gain made from 1870 to 1880 was lost in the 10 years from 1880 to 1890. Assuming that St. Albans district had as many members and probationers in 1860 as 1861, the membership of the territory now occupied by Vermont Methodism would be as follows at the close of the last four decades: 1860, 11,916 members and probationers; 1870, 11,689; 1880, 13,733; 1890, 12,569. This shows that, in spite of a better educated ministry, greater perfection of ecclesiastical machinery, new methods of 'reaching the masses,' more attractive and efficient services, and cultured music, our denomination has made a gain of less than 6 per cent for the last 30 years, while it has lost more than 8 per cent in the last third of that time. To say the least, this is hardly a statement to inspire enthusiasm."

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NOTICE.

Whereas, George W. Howell, of Atchison in the county of Atchison and State of Kansas, at the June Term, A. D. 1890, of Caledonia County Court, entered his action against Lewis H. Nelson, and Trustees, wherein the plaintiff declares against the defendant in a bill of sale, and in the general counts, indebtedness assumed, to the damage of the plaintiff \$8000, as by the said writ and declaration on file fully appears.

Whereupon it appearing that said Lewis H. Nelson had not had personal notice of the pendency of said suit, and that he resides without this State so that a citation cannot be served upon him, it is ordered by the court that the plaintiff cause him to be notified thereof by publication of the substance of said writ, together with the said writ and declaration, in the St. Johnsbury Caledonian, a newspaper published in said County, the last of which publication to be at least twenty days before the first day of the next stated term of Caledonia County Court, to be held at St. Johnsbury in said County on the first Tuesday of December, A. D. 1890.

Witness my hand and Seal of said County of Caledonia this 11th day of September, A. D. 1890.

Ida E. Stafford, Albro P. Nichols, Clerk.

Commissioners' Notice.

ANDREW J. WEED'S ESTATE. The subscribers, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Caledonia, Commissioners to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands against the estate of Andrew J. Weed late of Stanstead in said District, deceased, and the term of six months from the 4th day of Sep., 1890, being allowed by said Court to the said Commissioners to receive, exhibit and prove their respective claims against the estate of said deceased, and the duties of our appointment at the post office in Stanstead in said District, on the 14th day of October and the 4th day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, on each of said days.

A. PERRIN, L. F. BABBITT, Commissioners.

Presentation of Account.

ELIZABETH A. FORSYTH'S ESTATE. STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, in said District, on the 12th day of September, A. D. 1890.

John D. McAllister, administrator of James White, administrator (deceased) of the estate of Elizabeth Forsyth, late of Kyegate in said District, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased.

Whereupon, it is ordered by said Court that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in said St. Johnsbury, on the 4th day of Oct., A. D. 1890, for hearing and decision thereon; And it is further ordered that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Caledonian, a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause if any they may have why said account should not be allowed and such decree made.

By the Court, Attest: WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

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